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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF SPICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of various spices during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the total export of spices during the above period; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the export of spices?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a) The state-wise production of various spices in India for the years 1996-97 to 1998-99 is given below. The production of spices for the year 1999-2000 is incomplete.

Production in `000 tonnes

State	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Andhra Pradesh	888.56	647.37	746.47
Arunachal Pradesh	27.04	34.68	33.79
Assam	16.80	16.50	16.70
Bihar	89.33	88.79	88.78
Gujarat	137.12	168.58	167.64
Haryana	10.01	8.41	5.91
Himachal Pradesh	0.99	1.04	1.17
Jammu & Kashmir	0.40	0.80	1.00
Karnataka	202.76	169.41	180.74
Kerala	119.71	122.01	131.76
Madhya Pradesh	230.06	269.24	277.47
Maharashtra	114.41	114.69	111.61
Manipur	5.52	5.43	6.27
Meghalaya	53.68	53.46	57.16
Mizoram	28.69	29.08	27.40
Nagaland	11.00	9.40	16.29
Orissa	134.06	215.66	226.81
Punjab	17.10	18.00	18.00
Rajasthan	369.82	435.28	384.85
Sikkim	9.59	8.02	7.00
Tamil Nadu	164.59	187.89	203.73
Tripura	5.55	5.89	6.40
Uttar Pradesh	65.43	57.74	59.74
West Bengal	90.87	98.80	92.33
Pondicherry	0.01	0.01	0.01
A & Islands	1.29	1.29	1.30
All India	2794.39	2767.47	2870.33

Source : Directorate of Economics & Statistics, New Delhi
& State Agricultural Departments.

b) The total export of spices from India from 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (April-February) is given below:

Year	Quantity (tonnes)	Value (Rs. crores)

1996-97	225295.00	1230.72
1997-98	242070.75	1466.82
1998-99	231389.51	1758.02
1999-2000	178690.00	1623.83

(April-February)

Provisional

Source : Spices Board

c) Beside the general trade policy reforms, some of the steps taken to enhance exports of spices include rationalisation of cess on export of spices @ 0.5% to make them price competitive in the overseas market, implementation of brand promotion schemes like `Logo Promotion`, grant of `Spices House Certificate` as arecognition of processor/ exporter of quality products, setting up of laboratories for testing of products to ensure quality, technology transfer, process upgradation and product development.